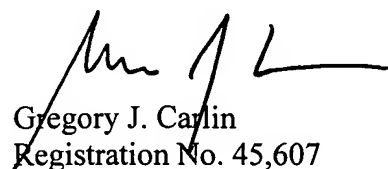


REMARKS

The above amendments are made to remove the multiple dependencies of the claims to save claim fees. Please enter this amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

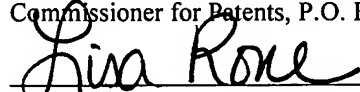
Respectfully submitted,


Gregory J. Carlin
Registration No. 45,607

Customer No. 000037305
ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

"Express Mail" mailing label number EV 521112690 US
Date of Deposit March 30, 2006

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Lisa Rone